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Station 8 open house kicks off Fire Prevention Week

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"

As Fire Prevention WeekTM (Oct. 6-12) approaches, the Dayton Fire Department joins the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) in asking residents to take steps to protect lives and property.

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2019, a reminder that lives can be saved when family members agree on and practice a plan for escape during fires. In a typical home fire, there may be as little as one to two minutes available to escape safely, once a smoke alarm sounds.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 deaths and 10,600 injuries. On average, seven Americans died daily in home fires from 2012 to 2016.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Scott Jacobs, Dayton Fire Department public information officer. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

Open House

Dayton Fire is hosting a community open house at Station 8 (2636 Stanley Ave.) on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event will showcase Dayton Fire and Police Department equipment and will include an appearance by Medflight, as well as fire extinguisher practice for guests. Dayton Fire and Police officers will be available to answer questions.





